

# The happiest hooker is back

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**IN 1972** Xaviera Hollander changed the world of sex forever with her outrageous book, 'The Happy Hooker', detailing her rise from part-time prostitute to New York's leading madam.

Then in her late twenties, Xaviera shocked millions with descriptions of eye-watering sex acts and her insight into the minds of the 'johns', men who pay for sex. In the wake of its publication she was banished from both

America and Canada and forced back to her native Amsterdam.

Thirty years later, having achieved worldwide fame and a comfortable living, Xaviera is refusing to put up her stockinged feet and retire. She's just written her 18th and possibly most remarkable book, 'Child No More'.

As **JIM DRURY** found out, there's far more to this beguiling woman than sex.

THE elegant Xaviera is busy chatting to customers in 'Bookworld Espana' in San Pedro, near Marbella, when I arrive late for her book signing session.

She forgives me for my rudeness, frog-marches me to a bench outside, and opens her heart before I can even open my notepad. Xaviera's promotion of her book is clearly a therapeutic exercise.

"The Happy Hooker is only one tenth of my life", she says, flirtatiously brushing her silver locks. "A Child

was beaten for the sake of a bag of sugar, how father Mick was tortured beyond physical and mental repair.

"I was too small to remember much of it, but I had a cousin who was older than me in the camp. She told me all sorts of terrible stories of our lives there which brought the memories flooding back.

"My father didn't talk too much about the war. He was so badly tortured. Looking through the pictures in 'A Child No More' I can see he had a tortured soul. It

to see my mother as less of a threat.

"As a result of my relationship with my father I have an older man complex. My partner of 22 years, John (Drummond), who is older than me, has been the big love of my life.

"But I also have a complex about much younger lovers who could be my son. I still find it easy to get young men."

The most poignant moment of the book concerns the



Xavier Hollander gives Jim something to smile about on the park bench.

No More' is the other nine-tenths.

"It is the ultimate ode to my mother, thanking her for everything she did for me. It's also about the unconditional love for a child."

Xavier's was a life begun in terror. Two months after her birth, Hollander and her mother were confined in a women's prison camp during the WWII Japanese occupation of Indonesia; her father, a doctor, was imprisoned nearby. By some miracle, the small family survived; yet the horrors of their treatment were imprinted forever on her psyche.

In 'Child No More' Hollander revisits her family's hellish lives in the camps; how her mother Germaine

took him ten years to become near to normal again."

Of course, being a self-confessed nymphomaniac it wouldn't be a book by Xavier Hollander without a few shocking anecdotes. She writes unashamedly of her sexual crush on her father. In particular, she described an incident when he beat the 13-year-old Xavier on his wife's orders, to the point where both father and daughter were sexually aroused.

"I adored my father," she tells me. "He was my ultimate hero and I would have done anything for him. My mother always had to compete with me. I was the ultimate threatening factor in her life.

"It was only after he died 30 years ago that I started

period leading up to Germaine's death in 1999.

"Mother's death took away my fear of dying. 'A Child No More' is in a way a guidebook on how to deal with death."

Describing writing the book as "cathartic", Xavier, now 59, finishes by telling me about her string of lovers around the world and her fetish for travel.

"I'm restless, always moving around. It's part of my war mentality. I'm always looking to the future rather than dwelling on the past.

"But I still love to have fun. My motto is I like to take my life frivolously seriously." With that Xavier rises from the bench, gives me a hug, and makes a beeline for her handsome young escort for the evening.

She turns and says: "I may be older now, but I'm not tamed." I'd expect nothing else, Xavier.

'Child No More' is published by Harper Collins and is on sale now.



'Happy Hooker' days